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TROOPS APPRECIATE SAI's SERGEANT PEGGY HEATOR

When it comes to supporting American troops, Special Alternative Incarceration Program's (SAI) Sgt. Peggy Heator, affectionately known by those troops as Aunt Peg, is at the top of the list.

As a token of appreciation for her support, SAI Cpl. Laura Palmer, and her entire Flight Squadron, honored Sgt. Heator by presenting her with an American flag flown over their base on the last day of their deployment in Tallil, Iraq.

Cpl. Palmer is an Air Force Tech/Sgt. Her unit is based in Battle Creek and joins forces with the entire 407th Security Forces nationwide when deployed. The squadron recently returned to the United States after serving six months in an Iraqi hot zone detecting land mines and providing protection for a base of about 10,000



Sgt. Peggy Heator, Cpl. Ricardo Santana, Cpl. Laura Palmer and acting Deputy Warden Jack Clore.

coalition forces. The days were long and hot, the work was stressful, and the food wasn't that good. Each day consisted mostly of dust, hunger and danger.

One bright spot Cpl. Palmer looked forward to was mail call. She knew she could count on Sgt. Heator to come through with some goodies. Inevitably, the whole platoon would surround Palmer to see what was in her packages because they

knew she would share the contents with them. The platoon began referring to them as packages from Aunt Peg.

One popular item was Blow-Pops suckers. They were sweet, lasted awhile and didn't melt. Sgt. Heator admits that one time she wasn't thinking about the hot temperatures of the region and sent the troops chocolate bars.

"It didn't matter, we ate
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them anyway," said Cpl. Palmer. "Sometimes you don't appreciate the little things until you have to do without them."

SAI's 2006 Officer of the Year, Cpl. Ricardo Santana, agrees that Sgt. Heator is extraordinary.

When I was deployed to Iraq, Sgt. Heator constantly kept up my morale with her e-mails and care packages," said Cpl. Santana. "She even checked in on my wife and kids for me."

Although Sgt. Heator is presently doing the same for several other department staff deployed in that region, she maintains a modest attitude about the support she lends to those deployed.

"I'm flattered by their gesture, but it was the very least I could do for them," said Sgt. Heator. "It is important for our troops to know that we are behind them, and appreciate what they are doing."

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LIFESAVING AWARD GOES TO PAROLE PROBATION AGENT



Parole Agent Jim Monette and Regional Administrator Noreen Sawatzki.

Grand Traverse Parole Probation Agent Jim Monette received the department's Lifesaving Award for his actions on Memorial Day, 2005.

Agent Monette observed a speeding vehicle go through an intersection and continue out into East Grand Traverse Bay. Monette immediately parked his vehicle and waded out into the water where the vehicle had stopped.

He found a distraught young man in the vehicle. Monette was then joined by an off-duty sheriff's deputy and they were able to get the man to shore. Emergency services were called and Monette remained with the man until the ambulance arrived. He then contacted the man's family and reported what had happened.

"The calmness and initiative demonstrated by responding to the scene and taking immediate action clearly shows a sincere concern for others," said Regional Administrator Noreen Sawatzki. "Jim's actions are an example of the professionalism and integrity of our department's employees."

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF OUTING IS JUNE 16 IN ST. CHARLES

The Seventh Annual Special Olympics Golf Outing sponsored by the Saginaw Correctional Facility is scheduled for Friday, June 16 at the Kimberly Oaks Golf Club in St. Charles. Check in time is 8:00 a.m. with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost for the four-person scramble is \$65 per person which includes 18 holes with cart, refreshments, lunch outing under the pavilion and a chance at many prizes.

Registration deadline is June 1. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call or e-mail Sgt. Cory Crugher at (989) 695-9880 ext 1123 or CrugheCS@michigan.gov; Sally Randall at (989) 695-9880 ext 1126 or RandalSE@michigan.gov; or Erick Balcarcel (989) 695-9880, ext 1124 or BalcarEG@michigan.gov. **F.Y.I.**

APPRECIATION WEEKS COMING UP IN MAY

Corrections officer appreciation week is being celebrated May 7-13 and state employee appreciation week is May 1-5. If you have information or photos about activities at your work location, please forward them to madziagl@michigan.gov for the next **F.Y.I.**

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INTERESTED IN SIX WEEKS TO WELLNESS?

Would you like to develop a Six Weeks To Wellness (6W2W) Program for your work group?

Your group can order copies of the 6W2W score booklet from Department of Management & Budget Reproduction Services at (517) 322-1889. To save on costs, you may also simply print the score booklet and make your own black & white copies.

To view a copy of the score booklet, visit the Web page at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/6WTW2005_124009_7.pdf

See the coordinator's packet for more details (You may request a sample packet from Employee Health & Wellness.) If you have questions, please feel free to e-mail Employee Health & Wellness at mdcs-wow-workingon-wellness@michigan.gov

For more information visit http://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/0,1607,7-147-22854_24290_25460-80077--,00.html.

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OFFICER SAVES CO-WORKER



From left: Dave Wandrych and Al Thompson

RUO Dave Wandrych, Oaks Correctional Facility, thought it was going to be a routine meal break, but he got an opportunity to apply his MDOC training when a co-worker, C/O Al Thompson, began choking.

Quickly noting that Officer Thompson was unable to breathe or speak, RUO Wandrych performed a Heimlich maneuver, dislodging the food item.

C/O Thompson subsequently went to the local hospital for evaluation and later returned to work.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL BUREAU OF HUMAN RESOURCES GOLF OUTING IS JUNE 2

The Eleventh Annual Bureau of Human Resources Golf Outing is at the North Star Golf Course on June 2. Cost for the four-person scramble is \$240 per team which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prize holes and food.

Check in is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the pavilion with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Please register as a team rather than individually. Entries must be submitted by May 15, 2006. For registration information contact Sue Mulford at (517) 373-2014 or mulfors@michigan.gov.

All proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

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May 6-12, 2006 is National Nurse's Week

National Nurse's Week is observed each year from May 6 through Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12. The week was established to honor nurses who spend their time meeting the health and mental health care needs of our nation. In honor of the dedication, commitment, and tireless effort of the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the American Nurses Association (ANA), the MDOC Bureau of Health Care Services, and MDCH Corrections Mental Health Program are proud to recognize nurses everywhere on this particular week for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year. Various activities are being planned throughout MDOC.

The first National Nurse's Week was observed from October 11-16, 1954. The year marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea. It was not until 1993 that the ANA Board of Directors designated May 6 - 12 as the dates to observe National Nurses Week then in 1994 established them for all subsequent years.

Traditionally, National Nurse's Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care. From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to correctional facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

Did you know?

- There are nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States, and, 2.4 million of them are actively employed.
- According to projections released in February 2004 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), RNs top the list of the 10 occupations with the largest projected job growth in the years 2002-2012. Although RNs have listed among the top 10 growth occupations in the past, this is the first time in recent history that RNs have ranked first. These 10-year projections are widely used in career guidance, in planning education and training programs and in studying long-range employment trends. According to the BLS report, more than 2.9 million RNs will be employed in the year 2012. However, the total job openings, which include both job growth and the net replacement of nurses, will be more than 1.1 million. This growth, coupled with current trends of nurses retiring or leaving the profession and fewer new nurses, could lead to a shortage of more than one million nurses by the end of this decade. (For details, see www.bls.gov/emp/#outlook .)
- The nation's registered nurse workforce is aging significantly and the number of full-time equivalent RNs per capita is forecast to peak around the year 2007 and decline steadily thereafter, according to Peter Buerhaus of Vanderbilt University's nursing school. Buerhaus also predicted that the number of RNs would fall 20 percent below the demand by 2010. (Journal of the American Medical Association, June 14, 2000)
- The nation's nurses rank first for their honesty and integrity, with 82 percent of Americans rating them "high" or "very high," according to a 2005 Gallup Poll. Nurses have consistently rated first every year but one after being added to the list in 1999.

Be sure to send details of your Nurse's week activities to madziagl@michigan.gov for the next FYI.

MDOC PROMOTIONS MARCH 12 THROUGH APRIL 8, 2006

March 12, 2006

CAMPBELL CHRISTINA	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-E	MID-MICHIGAN
WANDER SUSAN L	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-E	OAKS FACILITY
BILLS DANIEL L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	THUMB FACILITY
CRANE DENNIS L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	THUMB FACILITY
DELMAGE DERALD L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	STANDISH MAX
MCBURNEY DENVER J	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	ALGER MAX
ADAM ARTHUR J	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SUPT-E	SAGINAW
VONHILTMAYER TODD	CORRECTIONS OFFICER-E	MACOMB
HOLLAND BRENDA R	CORRECTIONS RESIDENT REP	MID-MICHIGAN
JACKSON LORI K	CORRECTIONS RESIDENT REP	MID-MICHIGAN
ALEXANDER WILLIAM	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	EGELER
GEROU TARA J	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	EGELER
SCHWEIKERT CHRISTOP.	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	EGELER
WAHTOLA RUSSELL E	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	EGELER
AUTORE MICHAEL J	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	KINROSS
NAVARRE BRYAN S	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	CARSON CITY
ROOSE JOSEPH K	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	BARAGA FACILITY
SPEAS JEFFREY P	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	CARSON CITY
SAWYER TINA J	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-A	CHIPPEWA
CHILVA PAMELA S	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	KINROSS
FRANKLIN GERALDINE	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	OJIBWAY
HICKS PATRICIA A	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	MACOMB
LADOUX ARLENE M	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	BROOKS
SCOTT JENNIFER M	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	MID-MICHIGAN
STALEY CHRISTINA L	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	PINE RIVER
TELLAS CHERYL L	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	KINROSS
PULLMAN AMY L	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-E	MID-MICHIGAN
EMBRY RONALD T	RESIDENT UNIT MANAGER-2	IONIA MAXIMUM
COOPER ROBERT J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
JACKSON ALBERT E	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
LUCYNSKI HEATHER A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	SCOTT FACILITY
MAHALIC TODD M	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
RUTGERS AARON M	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
BELL THOMAS K	SENIOR EXECUTIVE WARDEN	CARSON CITY
WILLIAMS KYLE A	STATE TRANSITIONAL PROFSNL-E	FOA REGION III

March 26, 2006

ROOT KIMBERLY S	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN-A	CENTRAL OFFICE
FRITZ DONNA J	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	MUSKEGON
HUGHES CAROL L	ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1	BROOKS
WAITE JOHN B	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1	OJIBWAY

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LING ROGER G	CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2	BARAGA FACILITY
MCCONEGHY BEVERLY	DEPARTMENTAL SUPERVISOR-3	COTTON FACILITY
RATH TENA S	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	SCOTT FACILITY
TRACY SUSAN M	DEPARTMENTAL TECHNICIAN-E	MARQUETTE
DAWSON ELAINE A	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-E	COOPER STREET
JOPLIN RONALD C	FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR-2	SCOTT FACILITY
BECKER WENDY S	PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASST-E	CENTRAL OFFICE
LAVENDER-JONES D.	PSYCHOLOGIST-A	THUMB FACILITY
BAKER VICTOR A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	OAKS FACILITY
BARNES RAYMOND S	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	RIVERSIDE
BARRETT VANESSA J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	HURON VALLEY
HUGHES PHILIP A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
JEFFREY GUY M	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	RIVERSIDE FACILITY
KINASZ STEVEN J	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	KINROSS
LEE JESSICA L	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	OAKS FACILITY
PATTERSON PHIL D	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E		RIGGS ERIC W
SISSON JOHN T	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	OAKS FACILITY
TAYLOR TIMOTHY A	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	OAKS FACILITY
WALTON JAMES P	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	IONIA MAXIMUM
WAWRZYNIAK JOHN M	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	STANDISH MAXIMUM
ZIMMERMAN SHAROL	RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E	RIVERSIDE
March 27, 2006		OAKS FACILITY
PAQUETTE LISA L	MEDICAL RECORD EXAM SUPV-1	SOUTHERN MICHIGAN

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Sgt. GRONDIN ELECTED MAYOR OF St. IGNACE



Paul Grondin, a Sergeant at Kinross Correctional Facility, was recently elected mayor of St. Ignace. Outpacing six other candidates with 36 percent of the vote, the 17-year MDOC veteran garnered 233 of the 648 votes cast in the election.

Mayor-elect Grondin plans to work with the city council and city manager to reduce the city's \$775,000 water and sewer shortfall. In addition his priorities include finding ways to enhance the use of the Little Bear East Conference Center and Ice Arena.

Prior to his election to the mayoral post, Grondin served on the St. Ignace City Council and was a member of the St. Ignace School Board for eight years.

Sgt. Grondin earned a B.S. in criminal justice from Western Michigan University.

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Fourth Annual Minority Advisory Panel (MAP) Golf Outing is May 25

The fourth MAP golf outing will be held at the Royal Scot Golf Course, 2700 E. Grand River, Lansing on May 25 with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$240 per team and includes lunch at the turn and dinner following golf.

The Minority Advisory Panel has joined ranks with the “Arnies Army Battles Prostate Cancer” campaign. Golf legend Arnold Palmer is the Honorary Chairman of the campaign and a prostate cancer survivor. Established in 2002, this event has reached more than 30,000 golfers in 2005. It is the world’s largest philanthropic source of support for prostate cancer research. The campaign will host an event box with a tee marker, a pin flag, “Arnies Army” logo items and other program materials. Your participation in the MAP Golf Outing and the closest to the pin contest will help to make this program successful.

Golf facilities nationwide conduct the competitions on a designated par-3 during normal play, tournaments or outings. Golfers have the option to enter the contest for \$20, which includes a one-year subscription to Golf Digest, a Lamkin golf grip and information about the fight against prostate cancer.

MAP cordially invites all golfers to participate. The Minority Advisory Panel recognizes the advocacy for a diverse workforce, seeking representation at all levels with the MDOC and promoting a healthy work environment in which professional growth and development will be encouraged and flourish.

Also scheduled to speak at the dinner following play are former MDOC director Bob Brown and former MDOC deputy director Dan Bolden.

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